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Selectmen's Minutes 11-28-2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, 11/28/05
 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair.

FOR APPROVAL

1. Surplus Funds from 2005 & 2003 Override Campaigns

Jeffrey Thielman, Chairman, Arlington School Committee

Mr. Thielman handed a check in the amount of \$7,337.73 to Mr. Bowler towards the Arlington Fuel Assistance Fund.

2. Discussion: Bikeway Safety Issues Arlington Center/Mill/Lake Streets

Jack Johnson, Chair, Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mr. Greeley moved to receive the recommendations and have Mr. Sullivan initiate that which he can as soon as possible and report back to the Board with a plan on the others.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Letter of Interest to participate in Freedom's Way Heritage Association. Heritage

Landscape Inventory Program, Kevin O'Brien, Director of Planning

Mrs. Mahon moved approval to sign the letter of interest.

SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

4. New Election Workers

Loretta Finn, 106 Claremont Ave., Pct. 12, R

Robert Finn, 106 Claremont Ave., Pct. 12, R

Katharine Childs Jones, 93 High Haith Rd., Pct. 10, D

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Appointment to Town Finance Organization Study Committee

Ms. LaCourt moved to appoint Allan Reedy.

SO VOTED (4-0)

6. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Kristin Anderson, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, requested the Board to become involved with the sewage

problems in East Arlington. She explained the issues and hardships of the sewage overflow into the yards and basements.

David Stoff, Attorney representing the East Arlington homeowners regarding the sewage problems, filed the appeal to intervene with the Somerville and Cambridge permits. He asked that the Town of Arlington become involved and support the appeals.

Steve Keiser, a Cambridge resident, passed out pictures of the sewage problems in East Arlington. He recommended that the Town get involved with the appeals to help close the CSO. He will send letters to Mr. Sullivan regarding the CSO. Mr. Greeley moved to find this CSO action unacceptable and favor towards the appeal, which will be discussed in Executive Session. SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

7. Request: Board of Survey

Andrews Way

(from 10/17/05 meeting)

Attorney Annese and Doug Miller, project engineer, and the neighbors went over the concerns of water and flooding regarding the Andrews Way project. Catherine Buckley, 41 Old Colony Road, stated that she and the neighbors were much more comfortable and knowledgeable with the meetings and answers to their questions.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the Board of Survey request. SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Request: On Street Overnight Parking @ 36 Exeter St.

Mohsen Paznik

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer the matter to Mr. Sullivan to be referred to Chief Ryan for recommendation. SO VOTED (4-0)

9. Request: Crosswalks and Stop Lines at Richfield & Cutter Hill Roads

Christine Carney

Ms. LaCourt requested Mr. Sullivan to take care of the previous order of the crosswalk and stop lines. SO VOTED (4-0)

10. NPDES#MA 0101982 City of Somerville

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

After a discussion the Board agreed with Mr. Maher's recommendation that the options for action should be discussed in Executive Session, then the Board will reconvene to vote.

Mrs. Fiore, 58 Mott St., requested the Board maintain vigilance in paying attention to all Alewife issues.

David Stoff, Attorney for the East Arlington homeowners, stated that the hearing date is December 19, 2005 at 10:00am.

He requested that the Board intervene by then.

11. Interim Access Agreement

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

12. Report: Park Avenue Fire Station Rebuild

John W. Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee

After a discussion it was agreed more time and information was necessary.

Ms. LaCourt moved to table until the December 5th meeting. SO MOVED (4-0)

13. Request: Support for Grant Application for Affordable Housing

Laura Wiener

Mr. Greeley moved to approve and sign the letter. SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Jane Lyman Renewal of cable television license in Arlington, MA Be Rec'd
Comcast

Brian Emmet Traffic Downing Square Be Rec'd
Covenant Church

John F. Maher Open Meeting Law Guidelines for use of E-mail Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Iva Milch Stowcroft Road hazardous walking conditions Be Rec'd

Charles Lyons Resignation from Town Finance Organization Study Comm. Be Rec'd

Cole, Raywid Comcast License Renewal Be Rec'd
& Braverman
Attorneys At Law

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Maher reported there will be a Comcast meeting on December 6th and suggested there may be a hearing officer who will make recommendations only. Mr. Maher will report back to the Board at the December 19th meeting.

Mr. Greeley announced the Shop Arlington 1st program, involving Town merchants and the Chamber of Commerce, is kicking off on December 1st with a tree lighting ceremony on the stairs of Town Hall at 5:30 pm.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to research and report back regarding a small pocket of non-union employees who pay 20% for healthcare vs. 15%.

Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Hurd reported that their sub-committee is ready for discussion and approval at the December 19th meeting.

Mr. Hurd requested Mr. Sullivan to have the crosswalk on Mill Street (across from Mill Brook Drive) repaired. There are broken and missing bricks.

Town Counsel requested that the Board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing the value of real property, the open discussion of which may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.

Mr. Greeley moved to convene into executive session at 10:25 p.m. for the above purpose.

Mr. Hurd yes
Mr. Greeley yes
Mrs. Mahon yes
Ms. LaCourt yes

Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 11:20 p.m.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 11:22 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan